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The reply brief filed on February 08, 2008 has been entered and considered. The application has been forwarded to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences for decision on the appeal.

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REPLY BRIEF

In response to the Examiner's Answer of December 11, 2007 Applicant hereby replies.

Claims 7-9 rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Tajima

The Examiner states that the two surfaces forming the second sheet transporting path in Tajima, namely recessed portion A and a surface of the printer device 3, is not a sheet transporting path since the surfaces cannot transport the sheet downward. Appellant respectfully disagrees. Claim 7 does not require that the surface of the scanner apparatus and the surface of the base apparatus transport the sheet downward. Claim 7 only defines the second transport path using the surfaces of a scanner apparatus and a base apparatus, i.e. a path that a sheet of paper travels along when the scanner is mounted to the base apparatus. Claim 7 provides that a second sheet travels along a second transporting path that is defined by a

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